

IN THE DRAWINGS

Replacement sheets of Figures 6-16 are submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16-20, 22-29 and 31-37 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration. The remaining independent claims are claims 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37 are sought to be amended. In addition, claims 1-5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 21, 30, and 38-40 are sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended merely to clarify the claims and expedite the prosecution of the application, not to overcome any cited references.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

Objection to the Title

The Examiner has objected to the title as not being descriptive. Applicant has amended the title in accordance with the Examiner's comments to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the title.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to Figure 1-16 stating that they do not comply with 37 CFR 1.84(m). Applicants note that 1.84(m) references shading in the figures. Applicants were able to identify the Examiner's concerns with respect to Figures 6-16 and have submitted replacement drawings for these with this response. However, Applicants do not see any shading in Figures 1-5 and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to all of the Figures.

Approval of the Proposed Drawing Changes is respectfully requested. It is also respectfully requested that the Examiner explicitly indicate his approval thereof in the next official communication.

Rejection

In paragraph 1 of the office action the Examiner objected to various claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for identifying these issues. Applicants have either amended or cancelled the claims to overcome these objections. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this objection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7, 15 and 30 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0208730 to Singhal et al. Applicants have cancelled these claims, therefore this rejection is now moot.

The Examiner indicated that claims 6, 8-15, 16-28 and 31-36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The still pending of these claims have been amended and Applicants believe they are in condition for allowance. The Examiner indicated that claims 29 and 37 are allowable subject to the objections in paragraph 1 which Applicants believe have been overcome.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action have been properly accommodated or addressed. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and withdraw them. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is felt that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted
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